



# Devizes Town Council

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## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Planning Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: 27 February 2018

Time: 7.00pm.

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Mayor: Councillor Carter

Chairman: Councillor Geddes

Councillors:	Bridewell	Burton	Corbett
	P Evans	S Evans	Gay
	Giraud-Saunders	Godwin	Greenwood
	Hopkins	Johnson	Nash
	Parsons	Rose	Rowland
	Shaw	Stevens	Von Berg
	Wooldridge		

## **AGENDA**

### **1. MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2018 and which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST**

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions, make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant to the Council. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be permitted, but this may be extended at the Chairman's discretion and a maximum period of 20 minutes has been allocated by the Council for this item of business.

5. Details of Planning Applications for Consideration are attached (doc 5/1).

Members wishing to make enquiries about any of the applications listed or inspect plans before the meeting are advised to do so on line at Wiltshire Council.

**6. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED**

Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.

**7. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – DAMAGE TO THE CEMETERY CHAPEL**

During the weekend of the 15 to 18 February eight of the Windows in the Cemetery Chapel were deliberately damaged.

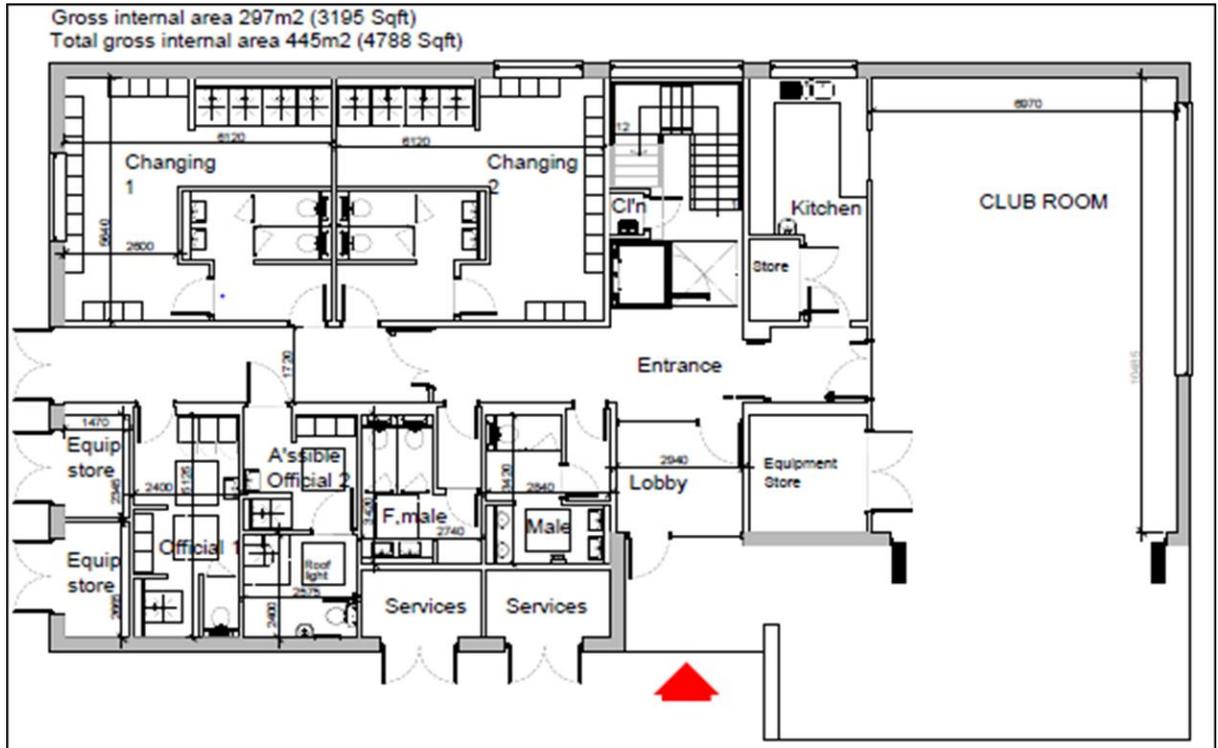
As yet there has been no assessment of the cost, given the specialist nature of the work, but it will run into many hundreds of pounds. Officers are in contact with a glass conservancy company, based in Wells and once a cost has been received this will lead to an Insurance claim. (photographs attached).

**8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – NEW FACILITIES AT GREEN LANE**

Officers will shortly be instructing architects to submit a planning application for the new facilities at Green Lane. A condition of the funding grant we will be that the Football Foundation will require planning permission to be in place.

There are various elements to the project which will all be included within the funding bid.

Set out below is the proposed changing room layout.



Set out below is the building design



**9. REPORT FOR DECISION – PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES – DEVIZES HALF MARATHON**

**Recommendation**

The committee is request to consider an application for the temporary road closure of Church Walk, Devizes and a rolling road closure, all information as detailed on the attached applications (docs 7/1 and 7/2).

**Purpose of the Report**

To respond to the consultation for a temporary road closure for as indicated on the attached (docs 7/1 and 7/2).

**Background**

An application has been received for a temporary road closure of Church Walk between Brickley Lane and Nursteed Road, providing access limitations for residents. The Road Closure is for the start and finish of the Devizes half marathon.

Within the application (docs 9/1 and 9/2), the management of the road closure and alternative routes are set.

**Options Considered**

The Committee are asked to consider if they have any objections.

**Implications and Risks**

**Financial and Resource Implications**

Officers are unaware of any financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision.

**Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence

**Environmental Implications**

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

**Risk Assessment**

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

**Crime and Disorder**

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

## 10. REPORT FOR DECISION – MARKET PLACE WORKING PARTY

### **Recommendation**

That the Committee appoint a working party with a remit of working with other stakeholder to review how the Market Place could be used in the future. .

### **Purpose of the Report**

To agree a working group who will consult with other local stakeholders on the impact a change of use for the Market Place may have on the Town and local businesses.

### **Background**

At a meeting of the Planning Committee on the 13 February, proposed changes to the parking arrangements in Devizes were debated. Councillor Whitehead Cabinet Member for Finance attended the meeting in order that he could set out Wiltshire Council financial position and provide some context to the changes that our planned.

There were a number of areas that the Town Council were concerned about and these are these out below.

Given the impact the agreed changes will have on the economy of the town, disappointment was expressed about the lack of any analysis of potential business impact arising from the various policy changes.

It was felt there is an absence of any constructive discussion on changes to the landscape at the heart of the town's conservation area, which is the public open space and where many of the town's cultural and social activities take place

There was concern about the lack of alignment of town centre parking charges which has resulted in some towns including Corsham and Warminster having a first hour parking charge of 40p against 80p in Devizes

Finally it was feared that the loss of event parking in November and December will add an unwarranted charge to the local community to use its community space for its own community events.

In responding to all the issues Cllr Whitehead emphasised that dealing with any of the issues in isolation will reduce in parking revenue and as such will have a significant impact on key services the authority has a duty to provide.

One option put forward by Councillor Whitehead was, should Devizes Town Council seek to take over the ownership of the centre of the Market Place and remove all parking, he would support such a

proposal as it would have the effect of displacing parking from one chargeable parking area to another. Whilst those attending the meeting were not fully supportive of the suggestion, it was resolved that Devizes Town Council should enter into further discussions, with Wiltshire Council and local businesses, into the future of the Market Place and the options that need to be considered.

This working group could help inform the Assets Transfer Working Party about the potential implication of changes to the area.

### **Options Considered**

The committee needs to decide who which member will site on this working party. It is suggested that there are no more than four members.

### **Implications and Risks**

#### **Financial and Resource Implications**

Officers are unaware of any financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision

#### **Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

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#### **Environmental Implications**

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#### **Risk Assessment**

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#### **Crime and Disorder**

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**11. QUESTION TIME**

A short time is allowed at the discretion of the Chairman for councillors to ask questions on matters which are not on the current agenda but which are related to matters which have been previously discussed on an agenda relevant to the committee.

At least 24 hours' notice must be given to officers of the intended question. All other matters should be raised on an agenda and the request should be submitted through the Town Clerk

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK